

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2614**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tokunori KATO et al.

Group Art Unit: 2614

Application No.: 10/667,425

Examiner: S. WOO

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Docket No.: 117279

For: IP TELEPHONE APPARATUS AND IP TELEPHONE SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the July 25, 2006, Office Action, the period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3, 6, 13, 15, and 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0164003 to Chang et al. (hereinafter "Chang").

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Chang at least fails to disclose an IP telephone apparatus "connected to the personal computer that is connected to the computer network," as recited in claims 1, 13, and 19. The Office Action alleges that the telephone 130/131 of Chang is equivalent to Applicants' claimed IP telephone apparatus (Office Action, p. 2). The Office Action further alleges that telephone 130/131 is attached to PC 14. However, the Office Action is improperly